

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action dated May 03, 2006 in this application.

The above amendment and remarks to follow are intended to be fully responsive to the issues presented in that Action.

The drawings were rejected o for failing to include reference numeral “11” mentioned in the specification. Applicant has attached a “Substitute Sheet” correcting Figure 1 to include reference numeral “11”. No new matter has been entered.

The applicant has amended the Specification to include the proper headings for each section and to delete reference to the claims at page 2. No new matter has been added.

The Abstract has been amended to address the issues raised at paragraph 4 of the Official Action.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for indefinite claim language. Applicant has reviewed and amended the claims to correct the indefinite language noted by the Examiner. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mooy, et al. (US Pat. Pub No. 2003/0102692). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

In an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended claims 1-5 and has added new claim 6 to present additional structure which clearly defines over the prior art of record. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the structure of the invention whereby the bracket-like drive lever (9) is fixed to an end of said hinge pin. Thus, the present invention claims an arrangement where the drive lever (9) is fixed to the drive shaft (7) and to the end of the hinge pin (3). The examiner acknowledged that claim 3 is novel; however, Applicant believes the language of claim

3 is overly narrow when the present invention is compared to the prior art. The Examiner's asserts that Mooy et al. '692 teaches a drive lever (22) and that the single shaft 54/30 define both the drive shaft 54 and the hinge pin 30. However, this single shaft cannot meet the current claim limitation where the drive lever (9) is fixed to an end of the hinge pin (3).

In an effort to further protect the novel structure of the present invention, new claim 6 has been added to recite that the drive lever (9) is interposed between the drive (6) and the hinge bracket (9).

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe additional discussion would advance the prosecution of the instant application, please contact the undersigned.

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